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## Orchard Supply Site Cleanup Begins

**Sacramento** - The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the start of soil removal at the Orchard Supply Company site located at 1731 17th Street in Sacramento. The Orchard Supply site is being cleaned under the oversight of DTSC. The removal action is necessary because metals and pesticides are in surface and near surface soils.

The Orchard Supply Company began investigating its site in Sacramento in the late 1980's. DTSC took over investigation of the site in 1998 and conducted a remedial investigation and a human health risk assessment which were both completed in August of 1999. Based on the findings of the investigation and the risk assessment, DTSC prepared and approved a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) in August of 2001. The RAW recommended excavation and offsite disposal of contaminated soil. The site will be cleaned to a level safe for commercial/industrial use.

Work at the site will be performed in accordance with a site-specific health and safety plan. DTSC contractors will establish a series of work areas for site access control and support activities. Dust control procedures, such as spraying water onto soil to keep it in place, will be implemented during the excavation and relocation of contaminated soils. Approximately 1,261 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be excavated for offsite disposal.

(DTSC has scheduled a Press Day at the site on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.)

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